

SENATE BILL No. 437

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-21-8-44.5.

Synopsis: Compression release engine brakes. Provides that it is a Class C infraction for a person to drive a motor vehicle equipped with compression release engine brakes unless the motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working condition so that excessive noise is prevented, with certain exceptions.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-8-44.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2012,
2 SECTION 104, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 44.5. (a) As used in this section,
4 "compression release engine brake" means a hydraulically operated
5 device that converts a power producing diesel engine into a power
6 absorbing retarding mechanism.
7 (b) A person who drives a motor vehicle equipped with compression
8 release engine brakes on the Indiana toll road in a county having a
9 population of more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but less
10 than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) may not use the motor
11 vehicle's compression release engine brakes instead of the service
12 brake system, except in the case of failure of the service brake system.
13 (c) **This subsection does not apply to a motor vehicle that has**
14 **compression release engine brakes with a factory installed muffler**
15 **or an equivalent after market muffler. A person may not drive a**
16 **motor vehicle equipped with compression release engine brakes**



- 1 unless the motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good
2 working condition so that excessive noise is prevented.

